

## **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, August 10, 2023 at Barnes Town Hall Office**

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 by Marc Lybeck , Vice-Chairman

Quorum was established with members present; Marcia Wellnitz, Kay Erdahl, Terry Kolberg, Mark Sutton, Dawn Piburn and Blair Gagne via phone. Also present were Loren Bohls, Park maintenance, Tom Renz, Town Board Liaison, and guest Cindy Bott Boles. Public notice was posted on 08/07/2023.

A Motion to approve the agenda and dispense with reading of the minutes was made by Marcia, seconded by Kay. Passed.

Guest Cindy Bott Boles expressed her concern about the lack of a swimming dock at the beach at TLP and is asking about a new one. Last year the old dock was no longer safe for use there. Tom Renz called to discuss the liability of the town with the insurance company. The town insurance underwriter told him the end of the dock would have been deep enough so diving would be safe. The depth of Tomahawk would make that difficult. Therefore, with the liability risks and the advice of the insurance company, it was decided that a new dock would not be put at the beach. The donated swim raft does need a weighted barrel or similar anchor system and chain, so it was not installed in the lake this year. The committee will ask in the spring for the town to have the raft ready to install in the lake.

Update on garage permit for TLP from Blair: The County informed us that the property is divided into about 17 - 50-foot wide lots. So, setbacks do not allow it to be on one parcel. After some discussion, it was decided that this would be a good time to survey the entire park into one parcel. Brock Friermood works for Barnes and could do the survey in a timely manner. Blair made a motion to combine the lots into one parcel, seconded by Marc. Passed. The building permit is to go before the county on August 17, and Tom will check on whether a new permit from us will be needed.

Trail maintenance: A cleanup day before winter will be scheduled. The towns small skidster will be could be used to even out some area of the snowshoe trail. New signs are up on snowshoe trail and will be added to the park maps in future.

Parking by boat landing has 1 Handicap parking sign, but vehicles still park in that area. Signs on both sides of the road down to landing stating "Parking for Handicap ONLY beyond this point" would be made and installed to help clarify where to park.

Playground Equipment for Town Park discussion. This would be a costly investment and could ask the town board to start a sinking fund for this purpose. In addition, grant writers for the town and also the playground company reps could watch for grants to help with the cost.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03

Respectfully Submitted by Terry Kolberg

